

KATHRYN

Dogwood Harbor, Tilghman Island

Soon after their introduction in the late 19th century, skipjacks became the preferred type of oyster dredges in the Chesapeake Bay. Their single-masted rigs and sharp-headed mainsails provided great power, even in light winds. During the first quarter of the 20th century, the skipjack fleet numbered in the hundreds. *Kathryn*, launched in 1901 at Chrisfield, is one of the earliest of the few that now survive.